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In re Application of
Theilman et al.

Application No. 10/015,319

Filed: 12 December, 2001

For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR EMBOSSING PRECISE MICROSTRUCTURES AND
EMBOSsing TOOL FOR MAKING SAME

Dear Mr. Pricone:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 118 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

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In re Application of :
Theilman and Pricone :
Application No. 10/015,319 : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: 12 December, 2001 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. NV 2914-AC-C1 :

This is in response to the twice renewed petition filed on 16 January, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown, via the declaration of Janice Jackson, Administrative Assistant at Avery Dennison Corporation, that a copy of the application was sent via Federal Express to the last known addresses of each non-signing inventor. Neither inventor, however, returned an executed declaration. Additionally, petitioners have shown proprietary interest by providing a legal memorandum signed by attorney Ronald A. Sandler, being familiar with the law of the jurisdiction, stating that by court of competent jurisdiction would by the weight of authority in the relevant jurisdiction (Illinois) award the title of the invention to the Rule 47(b) applicant. Lastly, petitioner has submitted a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 and has demonstrated that such action is necessary to prevent irreparable damage.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor. Notice of

the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Wood".

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